

ON CAMPUS

By VALERIE SIMES

A myriad of print and solid cotton dresses will be displayed by Narbonne girls tomorrow during the annual Cotton Day festivities featuring a contest for the most appropriate and attractive dress.

The only stipulation for contest entrants besides campus suitability is that the creation be homemade. The whirl of sewing will be heard tonight as girls put the finishing touches on their frocks.

Gauchos Day was its usual success last Friday as students exhibited the informal look in Bermuda and shirts. The Boys' League treasury is, no doubt, fattened by the 25 cent tickets that were purchased by all shorts-wearing Gauchos.

Student government preparations are under way for next semester with petitions for Student Body Offices and a nominations assembly Tuesday.

"Now is the time to decide for (or against) the opportunity for leadership at your school. It will be time and effort well spent in acquainting yourself with responsibility. A good record also is an asset in college entrance."

Highlight of the Senior Mothers' Tea this year was a series of dances from Narbonne's modern dance department, yesterday. The dances depicted the numerous emotions encountered by the majority of teenage girls ranging from love to fears and self-doubts. For variety, jazz, waltz, and a comic number were interpolated throughout the half-hour arrangement.

The Forensics League will hold its first banquet at The Tasman Sea tomorrow night.

This newly formed, but active, club has brought glory to Narbonne through its participation in city-wide debates.

Speeches have been prepared by the members for after-dinner entertainment. Noel Toombs and Ellen Vandayburg urge all to make reservations. The price is \$2.95, which covers the cost of a turkey dinner.

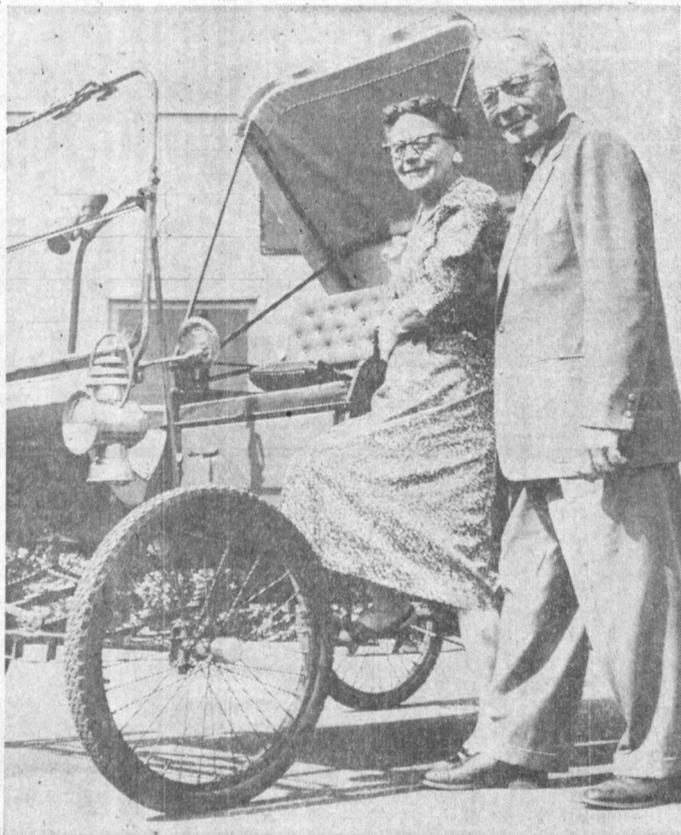
Col. Randall, as sponsor of the club, cordially invites all parents to attend.

The Literary Club again is working at fever pitch to put out "Blots on the Escutcheon" to reward all those who made an order, coupled with 25 cents, during the past few weeks.

This semester's issue will feature a new, semi-hard cover and clearer printing.

It is hoped that all Literary Club members have paid their 25 cent dues. If not, see Lynn Welch during snack or noon in Room B-11.

Only one week away, that spectacular social event, the senior prom on May 13.



CECIL THOMASES NOW TRAVEL, BUT MORE IN STYLE THAN SHOWN HERE

Cecil Thomas Agency Goes Back to Early Days of Cars

Behind the Cecil Thomas Cadillac-Oldsmobile agency at 339 S. Pacific Ave., San Pedro, is a story that goes back to the early years of motordom, years before 1910, when motoring was the sport of kings.

It was 50 years ago this year that Cecil L. Thomas, founder of the business, became an established automobile man. He can prove it, too—for a photographer happened by one day in 1910 in Plattsmouth, Neb., and made a picture of the Patterson and Thomas Garage, with the young Thomas posed in the center of things.

Signs painted on the windows of the establishment declared it to be the type of garage familiar in small towns in those days, offering repair services and selling automobiles as well. Represented were the Halladay car, the Marmon, F.A.L. Car, Empire, and Economy. A Halladay touring car occupied much of the picture foreground.

That is the reason the company is observing the founder's golden anniversary in the automobile business this year. Thomas has retired after having spent half a century with motor cars, including establishment of the present company in San Pedro in 1932.

Today, Thomas's sons run the business, with LaRue Thomas general manager and Ken Thomas as his assistant. LaRue is president of the VIP Car Leasing Co. in Los Angeles. The business has established some high records for car sales in years past, only to break them in succeeding years. This year, a budget of 650 cars was set, following a record total of 600 cars sold last year.

Most of the Thomas staff are San Pedrans. Long-time residents can remember when many of these employees worked for the senior Thomas. In all, there are 51 employees, most of them living in San Pedro.

Sales today are headed up by Gene Estep, sales manager, while salesmen under his direction include Orvel Brown, Andy Vaselenko, Gabriel Frielein, "Pete" Clarke, K. W. Trombley, Sandy Neill and Jim Tippitt. Parts manager is Sig Erickson, his assistant A. J. Lazenby. Lloyd Coats heads the service department, with a staff of 22 men. E. W. Dearborn heads used-car sales.

In the office are Rosie Castagnola, Pat Chasco, Barbara Fornero, and Julia Edwards, office manager. Occasionally there is Peg Weller, comptroller, who has been with Thomas since 1942, when the company had five employees and she was the only girl. She also is comptroller for VIP.

For years, Cecil L. Thomas Co. was a Cadillac agency. Service standards were maintained and are today maintained under strict General Motors policy. Members of every department in the company, except the janitor, as Ken put it, are required to spend so much time each year in the G. M. service center in Burbank—a \$1,500,000 facility for training dealer personnel. The result is an operation of ever greater efficiency in service to the company's customers and the public.

In the parts department, for example, Erickson is forced to make repeated study trips to Burbank to keep his department strictly up to date. There are 50,000 parts in the department, many of which are changed every year with the changing models.

"Background is reflected in years of continuing service in business," runs the family theme.

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Mr. and Mrs. Cecil L. Thomas make their home these days where they hang their hats, leaving the worries of the business to the younger generation. Though they have the family home as a base of operation, they travel about. Recently they went to Palm Springs.

The background of the business Thomas built now stands like a fortress to protect the continuing success of Cecil L. Thomas & Sons as the years go by. And this without detracting one bit from the fine work being done every day by the Cecil L. Thomas & Sons management and staff.

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Hahn Seeks Lower Tax
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TARTAR AND FEATHERS

By FRANCES ADAMS

Last Wednesday was the day for Torrance High students to return their nomination blanks for ASB offices to the Student Activities Office.

With 16 student-council seats, eight respective offices, and nine Girls' and Boys' League offices open for candidates, few if any offices are expected to be unopposed.

A combined aud call in the boys' gym will be held on May 16, at which time the campaign speeches for offices will be given.

Elections will be held for offices and cheerleaders May 19.

On May 27 there will be an aud call for installation of new council members.

THS Pep Squad try-outs will be May 11. Four cheerleaders, six song queens, five majorettes, and six flag twirlers combine to form a 22 member pep squad at Torrance High.

Students participating in the try-outs signed up in April for grade clearance and a testing program.

This program was for the

purpose of testing the posture, poise, carriage, balance, co-ordination, rhythm, and creativity, and to check the general appearance of the students.

Junior Janet Coleman recently was named AFS student of Torrance High. There is only one fault, she may not be able to go because of the difficulty in finding a foster family aboard. This prevents the American Field Service from making her appointment definite.

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BOYS, GIRLS TO RECEIVE ICE CREAM

One of the features of the Torrance Youth Baseball parade Saturday will be the distribution of 2400 free ice cream bars donated by Torrance Elks Lodge 1948.

All boys and girls who come to the front of the city hall will be treated to the Golden State ice cream.

Serra High School Offers Speed Reading

Serra High School is offering a special speed-reading course that guarantees anywhere from 300% to 1000% speed increase. Instructor is Dan Rosenwasser, originator of the record-breaking DanRo System of Rapid Reading.

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